

114th Trentham Scout Group

Newsletter April 2013

Welcome back to everybody after the Easter Break! Trentham Scouts have had a very busy couple of months, with all Sections taking part in their own organised activities, and also Group activities.

This letter will outline some of the recent events, which will affect all Trentham Scouts, and we felt that a letter to **all** parents was the easiest way to communicate these.

Change in Leadership

Due to work commitments, and also family life, Trentham Scouts has seen the recent resignation of 3 Leaders:

Andy Martin – Group Scout Leader (GSL). As an interim measure, until a new GSL has been appointed, we have Elizabeth Birch (District Commissioner) who has stepped in as our acting GSL. Since Andy's resignation, many meetings have already taken place to ensure that the children's activities remain as unaffected as possible.

Nigel Cope – Scout Leader. Unfortunately due to a lack of qualified Leaders, Tuesday night Scouts will be offered temporary places in the Friday night Troop or directed to other Scout groups in the District. This will remain in place until another Leader can be appointed to Tuesday night. Parents should contact Nick for alternative scout groups via Nick@trenthamscouts.org.uk

The meeting time has also changed for Scout meetings on a Friday. Meetings are now 19:30 to 21:00, so please ensure scouts arrive ready for flag break at 7:30

Dan Smith – Cub Leader. Thursday night's Cubs will continue unaffected with **Simon Johnson** taking over as Cub Leader.

It is with sadness that we announce these, because their resignations have all come within the last 4 weeks, and they have understandably had a wider impact on the whole Group.

Start of the new term

Following these resignations, some Leaders have taken on additional responsibilities and some have been helping out with other Sections. This has prompted a review of current roles and also highlighted the need for training due to the current shortfall in qualified Leaders. Some training issues are always ongoing (Personal Learning Plans), and other training is being undertaken as 'refresher courses'. In order to minimise the impact on the children, we have taken the decision to undertake a 2 week training plan from County which

as results means we will not be returning from the Easter break until this programme of training is undertaken. We are therefore proposing that the new Scout term starts on Monday 29th April.

St George's Parade - SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

All Scouts are to meet at Stoke Scouts HQ, London Road, Stoke, at **NO LATER** than 1.30pm. We request that all Scouts endeavour to attend this Parade, as it is an important event attended by children from all over the district. It also counts towards the Promise Challenge badge.

We will be leaving to parade around the nearby streets to arrive at Stoke Church at 2pm. The service will last 1 hour and then the parade will form up again outside the church to march back to Stoke Scouts HQ, ready for collection at **4pm**.

Please wear full clean uniform including school trousers (or Scouting Trousers) and school shoes, and don't forget a coat if it's cold or wet. You will also need a little money for the collection.

Group Camp

This year's Group Camp is May17-19th inc. at Kibblestone, and we now have the confirmed list of all children wishing to attend. The theme is James Bond, which is sure to delight both adults and children! For those who have put their names down, enclosed is a parental consent form which will need to be completed and presented at the camp.

Payment for this weekend will be due by Friday 3rd May, and this is £25 for Beavers and £30 for Cubs and Scouts. **Cash only please.**

On the Sunday (19th) we will be holding our AGM on site at Kibblestone, and will start it at 12.30pm. This gives us the best opportunity to see as many parents together as possible, before you all take your children home.

Reminder we are also on Facebook under the closed group of Trentham Scout Group, we encourage you to sign up to this as we regularly post messages & photos for meetings/events.